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Halloween Enforcement Results in Over 200 Arrests by ABC Investigators

Most Cases Involve Cite and Release for Underage Drinking Violations

SACRAMENTO— The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today announced that Halloween enforcement operations in several California cities and communities resulted in over 200 citations by ABC law enforcement officers but resulted in no major incidents. The enforcement operations began Thursday, October 25 and concluded Wednesday, October 31, 2007. ABC had investigators involved in law enforcement operations in several different communities including Isla Vista, San Diego, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Tustin, Davis, Woodland, Fresno, Chico, Irvine, Arcadia, Elk Grove, and Nevada, Calaveras and Santa Clara Counties.

“ABC Investigators and many law enforcement officers from state and local agencies did a terrific job,” said ABC Director Steve Hardy. “The large special events in Isla Vista, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Chico did not have any major problems.”

Most of the citations were written for minors in possession of alcohol, sales to minors, furnishing alcohol to minors and possession of marijuana, however there were some felony arrests for illegal narcotics. In addition, ABC Investigators cited over 30 licensed premises and ABC will move forward with accusations against those locations.

There are hundreds of large events held in California each year and Halloween is a popular time for sizable celebrations. The ABC will continue to work with local police, colleges, community-based organizations and youth organizations such as Friday Night Live and the Youth Leadership Institute to crack down on underage drinking.

Several ABC Programs funded through the California Office of Traffic Safety and The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) were utilized. They include the Minor Decoy, Shoulder Tap and Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws grant programs. ABC’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP) also had a very strong presence as numerous ABC GAP Investigators participated in task force and special enforcement operations.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.